Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

Will the Assembly be given the opportunity to discuss the committee's recommendations before final orders of Government are passed on them?

First Member of Council.—

I do not think that is necessary.

MR. SETTARA SIDDAPPA (Tarikere Taluk).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What was the purpose of establishing a Cattle Breeding Station at Ajjampur?

(*b*) Are there any such stations established anywhere else either in the Mysore State or in British India?

(*c*) Will such stations be established in future in any other places in the State?

(*d*) What is the expenditure incurred in connection with the establishment of this Cattle Breeding Station and what will be the probable expenditure in future?

(*e*) What is the amount of expenditure that has been incurred so far?

(*f*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish the (actual) amount spent under different items (of this establishment)?

(*g*) What is the income derived out of the amount so far spent?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—24. (*a*) The main object is to improve the draught cattle of the State by rearing good breeding bulls which will be supplied to village panchayets, co-operative societies and individuals for use in the villages.

(*b*) This is the first station of its kind in Mysore. It is understood that there are similar stations in many provinces in British India.

(*c*) This is a question which cannot be answered now. If the demand for breeding bulls develops beyond capacity of the recently established station to supply, the question of opening other stations may have to be considered.

		Rs,
(*d*) 1928-29	.. ...	9,000
1929-30	.. ..	33,000 to the end of April 1930.

1930-31 a provision of 77,500 has been proposed in the Budget.

(*e*) About Rs. 42,000 up to the end of April 1930.

(*f*) Detailed heads (1929-30):—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Agricultural and other equipment ..	9,854	11	4
Casual labour	2,270	2	0
Kerosine and lubricants ..	712	4	0
Concentrated feed	3,271	4	0
Veterinary medicines	8	8	0
Seeds	128	8	0
Contingencies	1,236	10	6
Buildings	1,906	1	0
Establishment, management and permanent labour	3,685	9	0
Total ..	33,073	9	10 or
	33,000	0	0

(*g*) Nearly Rs. 3,000 being chiefly the estimated value of fodder crops raised and used on the station. The chief income of the station will however be from the sale of breeding bulls which will be realised later on.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. G. Channappa.—

How many cattle are proposed to be supplied by this station?

Second Member of Council.—

About 200 bulls this year.

Mr. G. Channapa.—

Is it only bulls that will be supplied or other cattle also? If other cattle will also be supplied, how many?

Second Member of Council.—

Other cattle also will be supplied. As regards the number, I must look into the matter.

Mr. K. T. Satyanarayana Setty.—

Before starting the station, did the Government make enquiries about the result of working of the British Indian stations? Was it ascertained that they were all working well?

Second Member of Council.—

We made all those enquiries before our station was established.

Mr. K. T. Satyanarayana Setty.—

How many bulls are expected to be supplied by this station every year?

Second Member of Council.—

About 200 will be supplied very soon and about 400 later on.

Mr. K. T. Satyanarayana Setty.—

Will 200 bulls supply the want all over the State?

Second Member of Council.—

We can only supply as far as possible.

Mr. B. L. Byanna —

How many bulls have been supplied already?

Second Member of Council.—

About 50 have just been supplied or will be supplied in the very near future.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

The figures showing the expenditure incurred on the several items contained in the answer to the main question appear to be rather too high. Will the Government satisfy themselves that there has been no leakage?

Second Member of Council.—

Surely, Government will not allow misappropriation to go on.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

Will they have the figures audited?

Second Member of Council.—

Everything necessary will be done.

Mr M Nanjappa.—

Instead of spending a large sum of money on the station, why not the Government purchase good bulls and supply them to the poor, free of cost?

Second Member of Council.—

That suggestion cannot be accepted. The station is intended to carry on experiments.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

What is the estimate of the total expenditure on account of the station?

Second Member of Council.—

An estimate has been prepared but I am not in a position to quote the figures just now.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

The chief object of the station being to benefit the raiyats, is it not necessary to acquaint them with the work of the station and to popularize the sale of bulls therefrom?

Second Member of Council.—

It will be done through Village Panchayets and District Boards.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Who will bear the cost of the bulls? Is it the Government or the Local Boards?

Second Member of Council.—

The Village Panchayets and District Boards will bear the cost.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

As the expenditure is met from general funds, why should not the bulls be supplied free of cost?

Second Member of Council.—

That is not possible. We can only supply them at concession rates.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

To which of the Village Panchayets have bulls been supplied already?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. K. V. Veeranna.—

Are the Government in a position to state whether the breeding station has benefited the whole State?

Second Member of Council.—

That is the ultimate hope; but before the supply itself is made, how is it possible to say whether there has been any benefit or not?

Mr. K. V. Veeranna.—

Is it proposed to start another station anywhere else in the State?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not proposed at present. But if later on it becomes necessary, it will be considered.

Mr. K. V. Veeranna.—

How was the information relating to the working of the British Indian Breeding Stations ascertained?

Second Member of Council.—

There is a big farm at Hissar in the Punjab. An officer of the Agricultural Department visited that farm and ascertained details of its working. There is an Imperial Dairy Farm near Bangalore, in charge of an expert. We have consulted him also. All necessary enquiries have been made.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Will the Government be pleased to appoint a committee to go into the question of arrangements that may be necessary to ensure the supply of good milk to the public?

Second Member of Council.—

That is a different matter, though equally important. The Cattle Breeding Station was started because for a long time the Amrut Mahal cattle were not made use of. When that has established itself, it might be time to think about dairying.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Is not the supply of good milk more urgent than supplying draught cattle?

Second Member of Council.--

But it will require more steps. In the other case the material is ready and it is our first duty to utilise it. The question of milk supply will be taken up later, but the supply of Amrut Mahal cattle to the raiyats will be very remunerative to them because our cattle are the best available in the whole of South India.

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty.—

Have the Government ascertained whether the British Indian stations referred to have been self-supporting or depend upon the general revenues of the State?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty.—

If any bulls have already been supplied, why should not the realizations therefrom have been mentioned in the answer?

Second Member of Council.—

The cost has not yet been recovered.

Mr. S. Venkataswami Gowda.—

Has it come to the notice of the Government that the price fixed for the bulls is very high?

Second Member of Council —

No.

Mr. S. Venkataswami Gowda.—

If representations are made to that effect, will the price be reduced?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes, if there are good reasons.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

What is the present price of these bulls?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Will the Government at least say whether the price is more or less than the bazaar price?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Will the Government try to keep down the cost of the station?

Second Member of Council.—

As far as possible.

Mr. D S. Mallappa —

Are the Government satisfied that there is no scope for reduction at present?

Second Member of Council.—

The constant policy of Government is to keep down the expenditure.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Has it come to notice that there is an impression that inferior cattle are first sold in the station, good ones being reserved?

Second Member of Council.—

No. Only one lot has been sold so far. How can such an impression go about so soon?

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Will Government make enquiries as to whether there is such an impression?

Second Member of Council.—

If anything wrong is brought to notice, enquiries will be made.

Another Member (from Tarikere).—

With reference to the answer to Question (*g*) will the Government please say whether the grass has not been grown on gomal land and so the realizations therefrom cannot be credited to the station account?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

Have any arrangements been made to supply good buffaloes also to the raiyats?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not proposed at present. If it is found necessary later on, it will be considered.

MR. M. RAMEGOWDA (Chintamani Taluk).—

Q.—26. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether the dry assessment in Kolar District is not higher than that of other districts?

(*b*) Whether there was not any public representation for reduction of rate?

(*c*) Whether an assessment committee was not constituted for this purpose?

(*d*) Whether the said committee met in Kolar or Chintamani?

(*e*) Whether the members did not communicate their opinion in the matter to the Chairman of the committee?

(*f*) Whether they are aware of this?

(*g*) Why has not the matter yet been settled?

(*h*) Whether it is not equitable to refund the excess recoveries made from the time of original settlement?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—26. (*a*) to (*h*) The report of the committee appointed to examine the rates of assessment in Kolar District has been received and the proposals made therein are under consideration.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Rame Gowda.—

How long will it take for Government to pass orders on the report of the committee?

Second Member of Council.—

It may take a few months more.